H. R. 1539

To amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to establish the position of Assistant Secretary for Natural Gas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 1993

Mr. RICHARDSON (for himself, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Pete Geren of Texas, Mr. Wise, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Brown of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That (a) section 203(a) of the Department of Energy Or-
- 4 ganization Act (42 U.S.C. 7133(a)) is amended by strik-
- 5 ing the word "eight" and inserting "nine" and by adding
- 6 at the end of the subsection the following:
- 7 "(12) Functions relating to natural gas, includ-
- 8 ing—

1	"(A) coordination of research and develop-
2	ment;
3	"(B) coordination of Federal policy re-
4	specting natural gas imports, under the direc-
5	tion of the Secretary and in consultation with
6	the Federal Energy Commission; and
7	"(C) coordination of Federal policy re-
8	specting exploration for and production, trans-
9	mission and use of natural gas.".
10	(b) Section 203(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
11	7133(b)) is amended by striking the period at the
12	end thereof and inserting ", except that one such in-
13	dividual shall be responsible only for the functions
14	described in subsection (a) (12).".